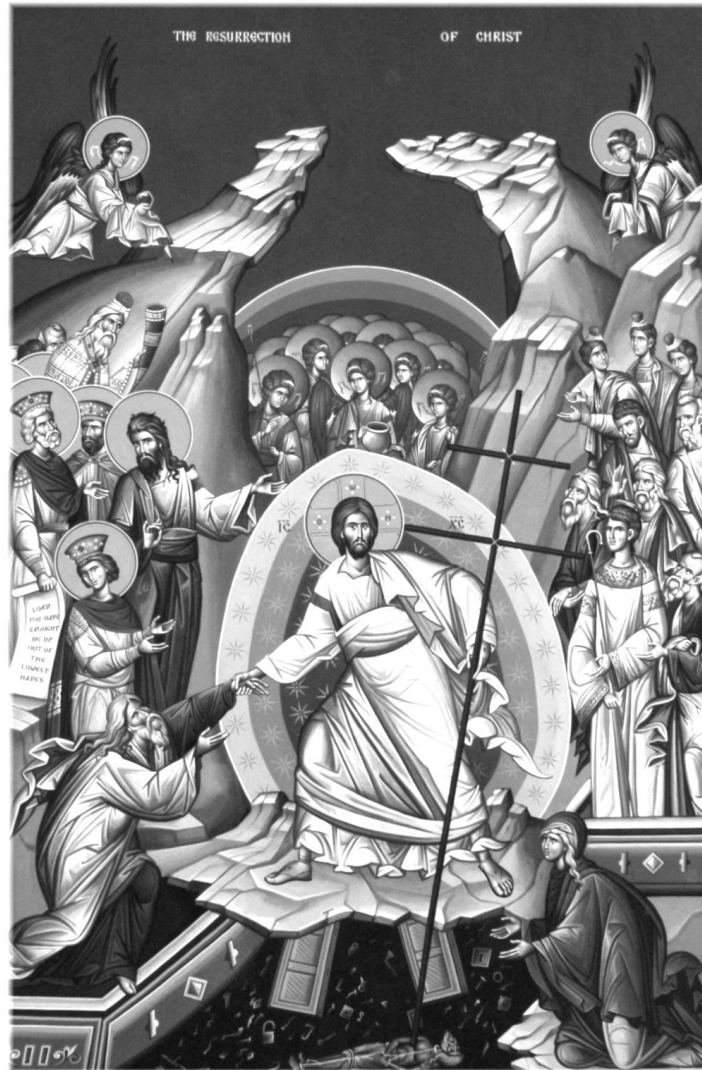




**BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL**



**FESTIVAL EUCHARIST  
Easter Day**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

11.00am

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.*



## **GUIDANCE WITH THE EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS**

With the easing of Covid restrictions, but a need for continued caution, we are making some changes as follows:

While moving through the cathedral and making your way for communion, we ask you to continue to wear face coverings.

However while seated or standing in your seat, you may wish to remove your face covering. We encourage you to join in singing. However, please continue to leave a seat vacant between family groups. Rows are currently at 0.75m apart.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

We have resumed distribution of Communion in both kinds. The wine will be in individual cups. When you approach the clergy you will receive the wafer bread, which you should consume immediately. There are tables on the north and south aisles where you will receive the wine. Please approach the table on the side on which you are seated. Empty cups should be placed in the basin provided.

Seating is by alternate rows. Please keep 1m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat.

Please indicate if you require a gluten-free wafer, or if you require Communion to be brought to your seat.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.

#### **Post-service Refreshments**

Once you are guided by the cathedral wardens, you may wish to collect coffee or tea from the West End of the Cathedral.

**PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE SERVING TABLES.**

*Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service*

**Organ Prelude:** Sarabande for the morning of Easter (Six Pieces, no. 2)  
*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*



**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**



Please stand to sing **HYMN 271:**



**Jesus Christ is risen today, *alleluia!*  
our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*  
who did once upon the cross, *alleluia!*  
suffer to redeem our loss, *alleluia!***

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, *alleluia!*  
unto Christ our heavenly King, *alleluia!*  
who endured the cross and grave, *alleluia!*  
sinners to redeem and save, *alleluia!***

**But the pains that he endured, *alleluia!*  
our salvation have procured, *alleluia!*  
now above the sky he's King, *alleluia!*  
where the angels ever sing, *alleluia!***

*Words: Anon., Lyra Davidica (1708) based on a 14<sup>th</sup> century MS  
Tune NEH 110: EASTER HYMN Adpt. in The Compleat Psalmist (1749) from a melody in Lyra Davidica  
(1708)*

Welcome from the Dean and the **LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE**

**THE EASTER GREETING**

Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

### **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Romans 6:4*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand whilst the choir sings the* **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra  
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnum gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of goodwill.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.*

Domine Fili Unigenite,  
Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostrum.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu  
solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Setting: Krönungsmesse, K. 317, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)*

## **THE COLLECT OF EASTER DAY**

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## **PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**



*Please sit for the* **FIRST READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated whilst Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir sings the* **ANTHEM:**

Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things:  
 Love, laughter, bread, wine and dreams.  
 Fill us with green, growing hope.  
 Risen Lord, make us a people whose song is Alleluia,  
 Whose sign is peace and whose name is love.  
 Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things  
 And to sing Alleluia.

Words: Rev. John Hencher (1931-2011)  
 Music: Barry Rose OBE (b. 1934)

Please stand to sing the **ALLELUIA**:

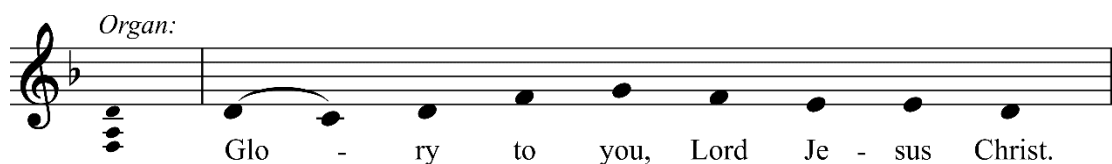
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 2nd time: All  
 Verse: Cantor  
 Repeat: All



Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed: therefore let us celebrate the festival. (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

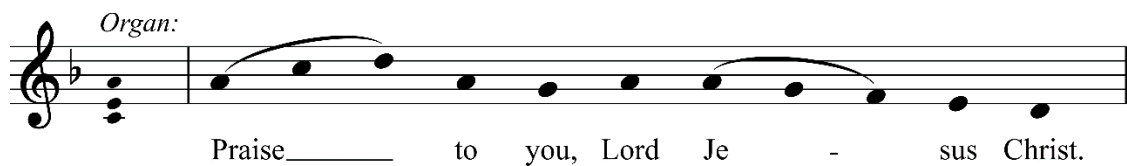
Please remain standing for the **GOSPEL READING**: Luke 24:1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.



On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the **SERMON** by the Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast

Please stand and face east for the **NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one God, the **Father**, the **Almighty**, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



*Please kneel or sit*

As disciples who know that Christ is risen let us pray for the Church and for the world:

As your Church rejoices this day in the Resurrection of her Lord and Saviour, may her worship be reverent and her proclamation faithful. May every Christian soul respond in faith to the call of the Master and make haste to tell the good news.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Let the Easter hope be known in all the world. Give light to those who seek, even in places of deepest darkness, assurance to those who doubt, and peace to all. May Christ be known as the only Lord, the only hope of the nations.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Be with our families and friends and all who share with us the wonderful day of Resurrection. May the presence of Christ bring us close to those who are separated from us in these days, in the knowledge that no distance can part us from his love.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those who stand at the open door of faith but are held back by doubt or fear of their unworthiness. Draw them in, that they may begin the new life that Christ has brought. Help and comfort those for whom suffering and sorrow mar the joy that is found in this day.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who, having shared with Christ the death of the body, now share with him the eternal life of his Resurrection. May the promise that has been fulfilled in them be our hope in this world and our place in the world to come.

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*Please stand for* **THE PEACE**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciple and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20:19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**



**CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**



*Please remain standing to sing* **HYMN 283:**





**The Day of Resurrection!**  
earth, tell it out abroad  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.

**Our hearts be pure from evil,**  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light:  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor-strain.

**Now let the heavens be joyful,**  
let earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that has no end.

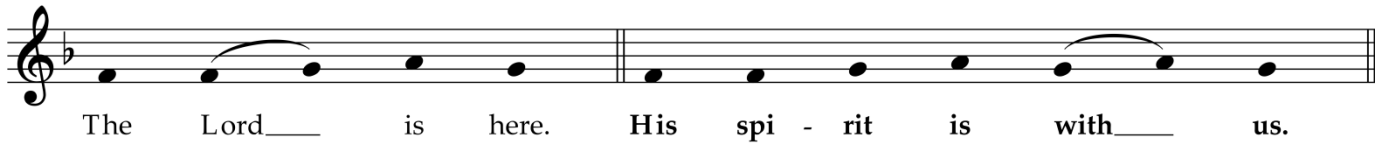
*Words: John of Damascus (c.675-750) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66)  
Tune NEH 117: ELLACOMBE, melody from Württemberg Gesangbuch (1784)*

*Please remain standing*

Be present, be present Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; and make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

## THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us; by dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

### *The choir sings the* **SANCTUS** *and* **BENEDICTUS**:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Lord God of Hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Setting: Krönungsmesse, K. 317, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;

he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

**Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:**

**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** is sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir to a setting specially composed by its Composer-in-Association, Gary Davison (b. 1961):

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI:**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.

*Setting: Setting: Krönungsmesse, K. 317, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service*

**Organ music:** Chorale Prelude on 'Easter Hymn' Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*During communion the choir and Children's Choir sing the **ANTHEM:***

This joyful Eastertide,  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain;  
But now hath Christ arisen,  
Arisen, arisen, arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
And for a season slumber,  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
Since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver.

*Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)*

*Music: Matthew Owens (b. 1971)*

## **THE GREAT SILENCE**

*When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection*



**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of cross, and by his glorious resurrection you have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Please stand to sing **HYMN 288:**



**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**



**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

*Words: Edmond Budry (1854-1932) tr. R.B. Hoyle (1875-1939)  
Tune NEH 120: MACCABEUS G.F. Handel (1685-1759) adpt. From a chorus in Judas Maccabeus (1746)*

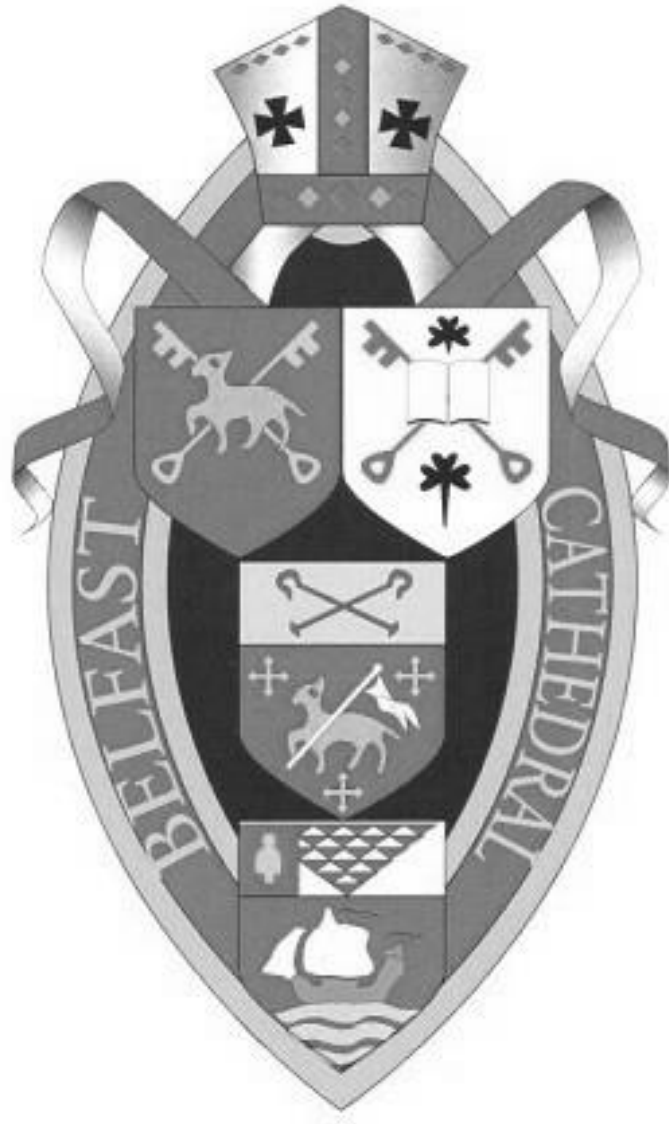
## **THE BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **THE EASTER DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Organ Postlude:** Prélude et Fugue en si majeur, Op. 7, i *Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)*





## NOTICES



Please stay for refreshments, following the directions at the beginning of this order of service. We are appealing for volunteers to assist with providing refreshments on rotation, please consider signing up for this if you are able.

Please join us this afternoon at 3.30pm  
for Festival Choral Evensong on Easter Day:  
*Felix Mendelssohn Allegro assai Vivace (Sonata no. 1)*  
*Clucas Preces and Responses*  
*Psalm 66 vv1-11 (chant by Havergal)*  
*Dyson Evening Service in D*  
*Hadley My beloved spake*  
*Downes Paraphrase on 'O filii et filiae'*

Our thanks to all the cathedral musicians, choirs and staff who have contributed to this year's Holy Week and Easter Services.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
11.00am Choral Eucharist

12.20pm Adjourment Meeting for Cathedral Wardens  
to reschedule Easter Vestry to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022

As you leave, please remember to make your Free Will Offering contribution to support the ongoing work and life of Belfast Cathedral,  
or give via online banking to:

Account Name: "Parochial No 1 Current Account"  
Sort Code: 90-21-27  
Account Number: 10006051

### **Lent Black Santa Appeal**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to raising a total £60,000 for the Dean's Lent Sit-out in support of the Refugees of Ukraine.